



# Milwaukee County Office of the Sheriff

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Monitors Sex Offenders During Halloween Trick or Treat Hours**

**Milwaukee, WI** - The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office and the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) have partnered this holiday season to ensure the safety of children as they parade through their neighborhoods collecting Halloween treats.

On Sunday, October 31, from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sheriff's deputies and probation and parole agents will conduct "Knock and Talks" at residences of known sex offenders and serve warrants on sex offenders who have not registered with the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry.

During the "Knock and Talks," officers will enforce and confirm that sexual predators are in compliance with the Halloween guidelines set forth by the DOC. The Halloween rules for sex offenders are as follows:

- During any trick-or-treating in their neighborhood, the sex offender will remain in their residence one hour prior to and one hour following Halloween activities.
- The home/apartment may not be decorated for Halloween – this includes both the inside and outside of the residence.
- The home/apartment must not have a lighted porch (or any indication that the residence is participating in Halloween activities.)
- No distribution of candy at place of residence.
- No possession of any costume or pieces of costume used for Halloween.
- No participation in any activity related to Halloween and/or trick or treat activities; this includes visiting haunted house sites.

Last year, deputies knocked on 132 doors of registered sex offenders. Fourteen sex offenders were arrested for violation of their probation and parole conditions. In addition, four arrest warrants were issued for probation and parole non-compliance.

Milwaukee County Sheriff's detectives have already begun to locate and arrest sex offenders with arrest warrants and for failure to register with the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry.

*Media ride-alongs are available on Sunday, October 30, during the "Trick-or-Treat" operation.*

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